



# Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing

**COURSE CODE:** 1GC007:1GC507

6mths full-time

1 year part-time

External mode

Fees: Commonwealth Grant Supported

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## COURSE AIMS

The Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing (GCCN) provides graduates with comprehensive nursing knowledge to better meet the demands of working within clinical environments. The course also enhances their knowledge and skills in clinical practice.

The course builds on existing knowledge and understanding of nursing practice, assessment and evidence-based practice. In the increasing complex and challenging world of health practice, this course provides the opportunity for individuals to extend clinical development and intellectual engagement, and build their capacity in critical analysis and reflection, in nursing practice and education.

## COURSE OUTLINE

This course consists of core units in speciality sequences. Both the content and assessment strategies used in the course enable students to develop their clinical experience and professional practice. The emphasis of the program is cross-cultural clinical practice: building competence, increasing specialty knowledge, applying culturally appropriate clinical skills, teaching and managing in the clinical setting. Clinical nursing specialisations include: renal, chronic conditions, peri-operative, emergency nursing, ICU, acute care, paediatrics, orthopaedics, mental health and cancer nursing

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students must have current registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency to practise as a Registered Nurse and access through an employer to clinical experience in an appropriate specialty clinical setting at a minimum of 0.6FTE.

## UNIT OUTLINES

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEALTH ASSESSMENT IN A BIO/PSYCHO/SOCIAL CONTEXT (HEA408)</b></p> <p>This unit develops your understanding of, and ability to use, advanced clinical nursing knowledge and skills relevant to bio/psycho/social assessment for nursing practice. The unit highlights clients' perspectives including the impact of culture and history on perceptions and assessment of health and illness. It will assist you to develop culturally appropriate communication and interpersonal strategies, as well as the clinical skills required to undertake a comprehensive assessment of people with a chronic condition.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INFORMING PRACTICE WITH EVIDENCE (HEA402)</b></p> <p>Contemporary professionals work in environments requiring practice grounded in quality evidence. This unit focuses on developing skills and knowledge to reflect on critically and integrate evidence into practice. You will explore types of evidence, evaluate the standard of evidence and demonstrate its application to inform professional interventions, treatments, and decision-making processes. You will review research literature, professional guidelines and standards and critique how this information applies to your own practice.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLINICAL SPECIALISATION 1 (HEA420)</b></p> <p>This unit provides the opportunity to explore common clinical presentations within your nursing speciality. The unit focuses on theoretical concepts underpinning the assessment and management of common presentations within a nursing speciality. You will compare Indigenous and non-Indigenous client experiences and consider socio-economic, cultural and contextual influences on population health in the region. The unit prepares you for further developing your specialty clinical practice in subsequent units.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLINICAL SPECIALISATION 2 (HEA440)</b></p> <p>This unit includes a clinical practice component to be completed during employment. If you do not have appropriate employment to enable you to undertake this clinical practice, you must contact your unit coordinator immediately. This unit builds on the theoretical and clinical knowledge and understanding developed in Clinical Specialisation 1. You will explore issues related to clinical care of clients in your specialty area. You will undertake a clinical practice component to provide the opportunity to develop skill in implementation of specialist treatments and interventions.</p>

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

For further information about the course contact the School of Health Academic Liaison Unit

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